

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PHASE II SEWER PROJECT BID REVIEW MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2007
(Approved February 5, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Phase II sewer project bid review meeting on Friday, January 19, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr., Tim Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Township Manager Casey LaLonde was not present. Mr. Rinehart called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. PHASE II SEWER PROJECT FINANCING

Mr. Preston led a review of calculations for the bank loan size for authorization by the board as revised on 1/18/07. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding NCMA's (North Coventry Municipal Authority's) final bid tabulation for the waste water treatment plant expansion. The Opinion of Probable Construction Costs prepared by Spot, Stevens and McCoy dated October 10, 2006, was significantly lower than the received bids.

A review of the BOS meeting with representatives of NCMA and North Coventry Township on January 16, 2007 was given.

Mr. Lance Parson, 79 Brownstone Drive, voiced concern regarding the final NCMA WWTP Expansion bid's impact on ECT sewer ratepayers. He stated he believed the BOS had little choice but to move forward.

Mr. Larry Brown, 500 Sanatoga Road, believed the BOS should conduct an itemized analysis of SSM's estimate and the final bid of NCMA WWTP Expansion to highlight the significant or excessive cost, and recommend East Coventry Township challenge line items deemed to be excessive whether or not the bid costs are above SSM's October 2006 prebid estimate.

Mr. Doering moved to accept the final bid pricing for both NCMA's plant expansion, and ECT's Collection Sewers and Pump Station and establish the bank borrowing at \$7,825,000. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Further discussion occurred concerning the review of NCMA's final bid and the underestimate of SSM. Mr. Preston motioned that East Coventry Township solicit Gannett & Fleming Consultants Inc. to submit a proposal for a thorough bid analysis evaluating the NCMA WWTP Expansion bid costs and any recommendations for East Coventry Township to negotiate with NCMA. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The Board discussed soliciting ARRO Consulting for a proposal to attend NCMA Construction meetings, conduct site inspections, review change orders and make appropriate recommendations to East Coventry Township. Mr. Roland motioned to request such a proposal from ARRO. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. TOWNSHIP SECRETARY VACANCY

Timely submission of minutes and final signature by the Township Secretary were then discussed. It was consensus that within 10 days after BOS approval, minutes should be signed by the Secretary and included in the book of minutes. Mr. Roland motioned to have Mr. Doering fill the vacant position of Secretary. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rinehart moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roland. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John Doering, Jr.
Township Secretary